Access improvements timeline

2008
Voters approve ST 2

2010 - 2012
Sounder Access Study

Spring 2013
Leadership Working Group

Summer 2013 - Summer 2014
Alternatives Improvement

Environmental Review

Preliminary Design

ROW/ Property Acquisition and Permitting

Final Design

Construction

Open to the public by 2023

In 2008 voters approved the Sound Transit 2 plan providing funding for access improvements at Sumner Station.

In 2012 Sound Transit completed the Sounder Stations Access and Demand Study, which provided a preliminary list of potential improvements within a half-mile of the station.

In spring 2013 a leadership working group composed of Sound Transit Board members and Sumner City Council members helped establish goals and evaluation criteria for the project.

We are here

Sound Transit is now developing access improvement options for Sumner Station.

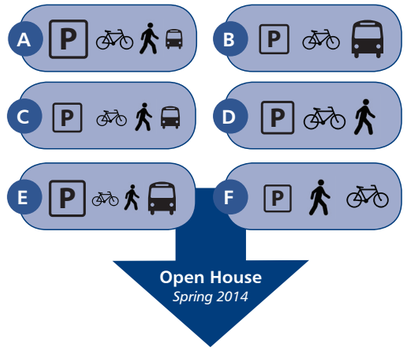
The first open houses in February helped identify important options. This spring, we will seek input from the public on access improvements packages.

In the summer, the Sound Transit Board will be asked to identify one or more packages of improvements to study more closely in an environmental review process.

Alternatives development process

Identify improvement options

Develop and evaluate packages of improvement options



Refine package of improvement options

Sound Transit Board identifies preferred alternative

Summer 2014

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Improving access to Sumner Station

About the Sumner Station Access Improvements project

In the 2008 Sound Transit 2 ballot measure, voters approved funding to improve access at Sounder stations. The Sumner Station Access Improvement Project is evaluating potential capital investments to improve access to Sumner Station for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Sound Transit is planning to construct all improvements by 2023.

Nearly 1,000 people a day ride a Sounder Train or ST Express bus from Sumner Station. Ten round-trip Sounder trains stop at Sumner Station each day. Sound Transit plans to provide 13 roundtrips by 2017, and predicts a 70 percent increase in ridership by 2035.

As Sounder ridership and service increases, easy and reliable access to the station will become even more important. Sounder parking spaces are usually full early in the morning and riders heading to and from Sumner Station experience congested traffic.

Your chance to be involved

Take our online questionnaire: **soundtransit.org/SumnerImprovements**

Sign up for email project updates: **soundtransit.org/subscribe**

For more information, contact Ryan Bianchi at 206-398-5070 or ryan.bianchi@soundtransit.org

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Working with input from Sounder riders and other community stakeholders, Sound Transit has developed six different pedestrian, bike, bus/traffic and parking access improvement packages. This issue of the project newsletter primarily includes proposed multi-modal improvement packages, evaluation results and next steps

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RIDE THE WAVE

Project purpose

Sound Transit plans to improve access for Sounder train riders to Sumner Station, focusing on pedestrians, bikes and personal vehicles through:

- Focusing on pedestrian and parking garage improvements within a quarter-mile
- Focusing on parking lot, vehicle access and bicycle improvements within a half-mile
- Completing the project by 2023

Total budget: $39 million

Project goals and evaluation criteria

Sound Transit worked with city staff, community leaders and stakeholders to develop project goals and evaluation criteria.

These goals provide a framework for developing access improvements. The evaluation criteria will be used to help assess the effectiveness of proposed improvements.

DRAFT GOALS	EVALUATION CRITERIA
Provide improved access to Sounder riders	■ Provides capacity for existing and future riders ■ Provides safe, multi-modal access and reliable travel times to the Sounder station area for riders
Benefit the local community	■ Supports community character, vision, plans and policies for the station area, including historic downtown ■ Supports access to parking for downtown businesses and residences within the station area ■ Minimizes additional congestion and impacts to neighborhood traffic within the station area
Support Sound Transit's regional commitments	■ Is cost-effective and financially sustainable ■ Supports plans and policies from Sound Transit and regional policies ■ Builds on the access improvements identified in the Sounder Stations Access and Demand Study
Maintain a healthy environment	■ Minimizes potential adverse impacts to the natural and built environment

What options are being considered?

See inside insert for specific locations of pedestrian, bike and bus/traffic improvements under consideration.

Potential bus improvements

Current bus service to the station is provided by ST Express route 596 from the Bonney Lake Park and Ride. ST Express route 578 offers mid-day express bus service to Seattle. Sound Transit will evaluate improvements, such as transit signal priority, that could improve bus access to the station.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements

Sound Transit is studying improvements that would make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to access the station. Improvements could include new or improved crosswalks, bike lanes and pedestrian pathways.

Potential congestion improvements

Sound Transit is exploring options with the City of Sumner to reduce transit rider-related congestion near the station, including:

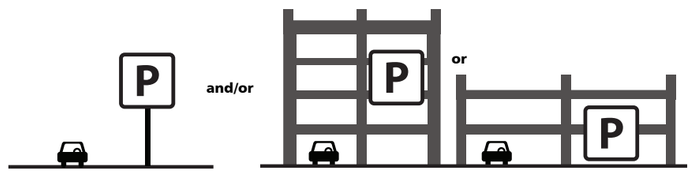
- Tools to manage traffic flow, including coordination of new and/or existing traffic signals
- Focused capacity improvements to existing roadways and/or intersections

Potential parking improvements

As ridership grows, parking demand increases. Sound Transit estimates up to 600 additional parking spaces will be needed to keep up with demand at Sumner Station. Sound Transit is evaluating both surface and garage parking options to accommodate demand.

See inside insert for specific locations of parking improvements under consideration.

Potential types of parking improvements



Surface lot
- One or more surface lots
- Leased and/or purchased
- $6,500 per space to build

Parking garage
- Minimum size of 120 feet by 220 feet
- Up to 3-1/2 stories (parking on the roof of a 3-story building)
- $30,000 per space to build

Evaluation results

Based on the project goals, the evaluation criteria below were used to help assess the effectiveness of proposed improvements in six different packages. All packages currently support Sound Transit regional commitments and build on the access improvements identified in the Sounder Stations Access and Demand Study.

Goal	Evaluation Criteria	Package A	Package B	Package C	Package D	Package E	Package F
		All Surface with Shaw Road lot, WITH unfunded bus service	Large Washington Tractor Garage + surface parking	Large Red Apple Garage + surface parking	Small Red Apple Garage + Washington Tractor surface parking	Transit Center Garage + surface parking	Transit Center Garage + Small Washington Tractor Garage
Provide improved access to Sounder riders	Travel time and reliability	○	◔	◔	◔	◑	●
	Comfort, security and convenience	○	◔	◑	◑	◑	●
Benefit the local community*	Neighborhood compatibility: • Traffic • Neighborhood parking • Community character	◔	◑	◔	◑	◑	◑
	Supports City's plans for the station area	◔	◔	◑	◔	◑	◑
Maintain a healthy environment	Property, historic, parks, and natural resources	◑	◑	◑	◑	◑	◑
Support Sound Transit's regional commitments		●	●	●	●	●	●
Cost	Cost (2014 dollars)	$33 M	$39 M	$38 M	$39 M	$36 M	$47 M

*Results based on impacts/benefits to the station area

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Lower performing → Higher performing

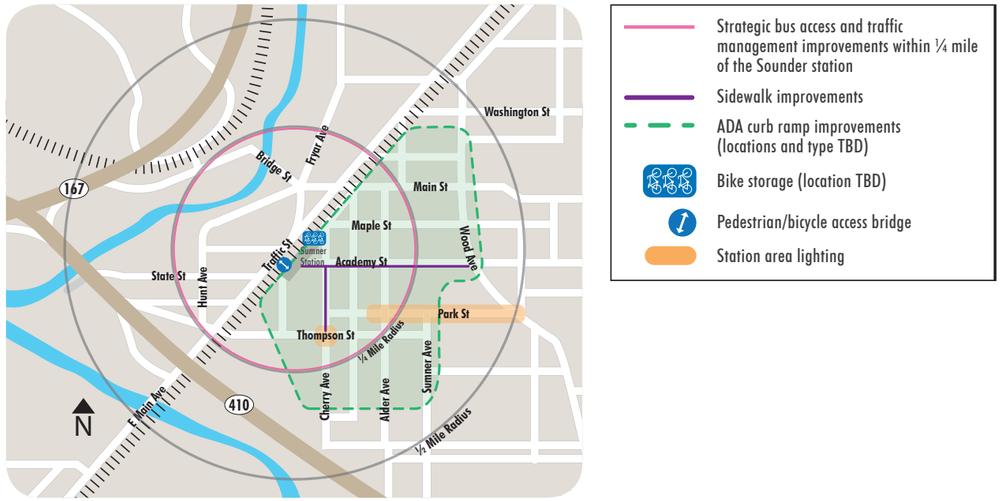
Moving Towards a Preferred Package

Based on input received over the last year from community stakeholders, a set of pedestrian, bike, bus/traffic and parking improvements have been developed to support the project goals.

What pedestrian, bike and bus/traffic improvements are being considered?

All packages would include the following improvements:

- Pedestrian/bike bridge over railroad crossing at station
- Academy Street and Cherry Avenue sidewalk improvements
- Additional lighting on Park Street and Thompson Street/Cherry Avenue intersection
- Station area traffic signal improvements
- Added bike storage at station
- Total investments approximately $8 M



What parking options are being considered?

The six access improvement packages differ by parking type and location. Every package includes pedestrian, bike and bus/traffic management investments.

Package A

- Shaw Road surface lot: 400 spaces, bus shuttle service required (no provider identified)
- Fryar/McLendon's/57th Street surface lots: 200 spaces

Package B

- Washington Tractor garage (3-½ stories): 420 spaces
- Fryar/McLendon's/57th Street surface lots: 180 spaces
- Additional pedestrian/bike bridge across Traffic Street

Package C

- Red Apple garage (2-½ stories): 400 spaces
- Fryar/ McLendon's/ 57th Street surface lots: 130 spaces
- Old Cannery lease lot: 70 spaces
- Pedestrian improvements on Maple Street

Package D

- Washington Tractor surface lot: 220 spaces
- Red Apple garage (3-½ stories): 350 spaces
- Old Cannery lease lot: 30 spaces
- Pedestrian improvements on Maple Street

Package E

- Washington Tractor surface lot: 220 spaces
- Transit Center garage (3-½ stories): 250 net total
- Fryar/McLendon's/57th Street surface lots: 100 spaces
- Old Cannery lease lot: 30 spaces

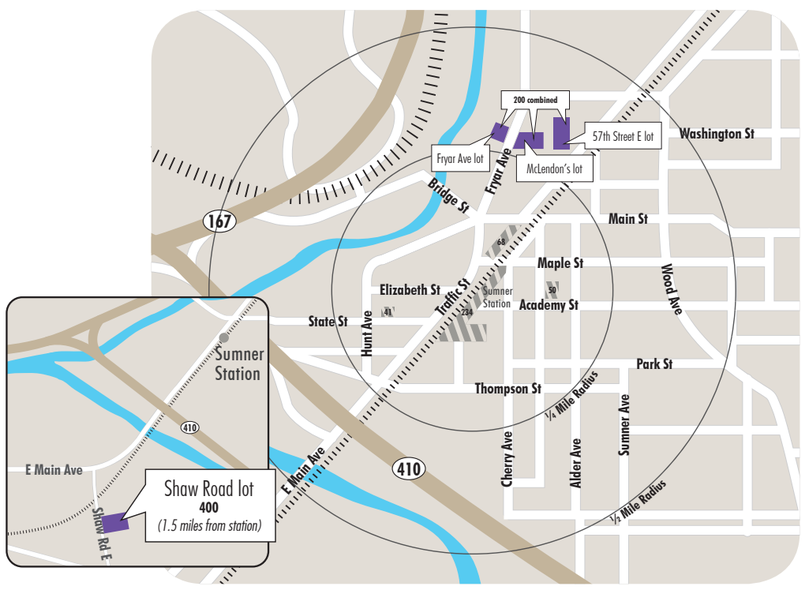
Package F

- Washington Tractor garage (2-½ stories): 300 spaces
- Transit Center garage (3-½ stories): 250 net total
- Old Cannery lease lot: 50 spaces
- Additional pedestrian/bike bridge across Traffic Street

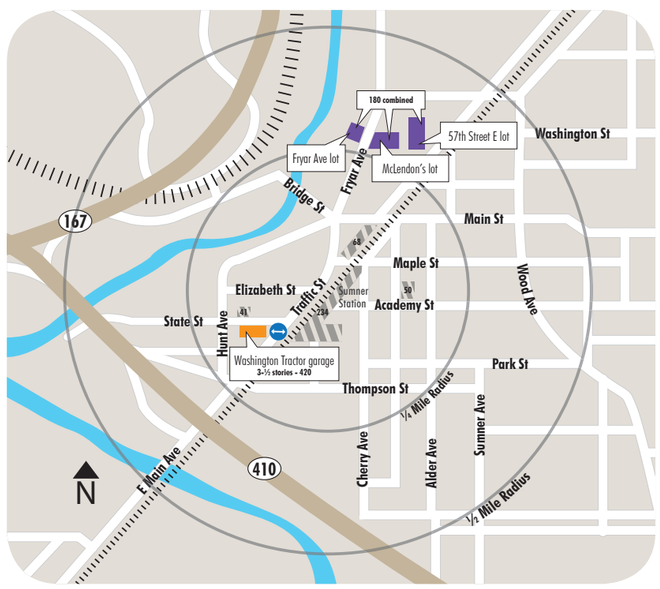
What parking options are being considered?

Existing Sound Transit leased surface lot *(# spaces)*
Potential parking garage
Potential surface lots
Potential leased surface lots
Sidewalk improvements
Pedestrian/bicycle access bridge

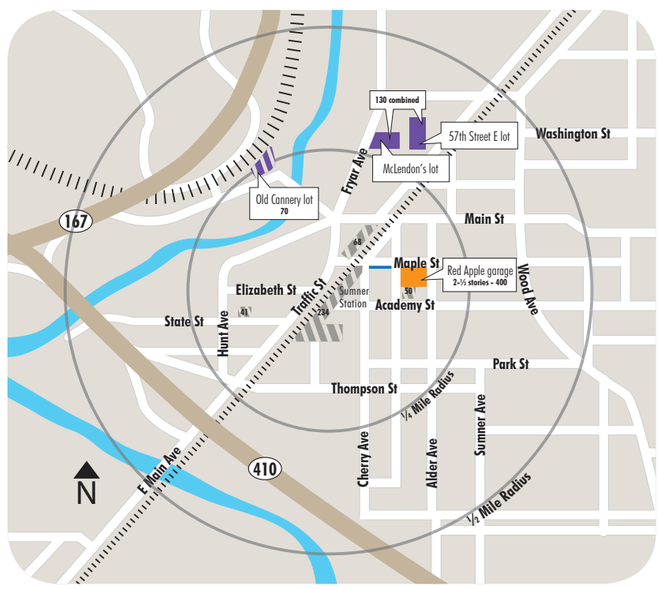
Package A — All Surface with Shaw Road lot, WITH unfunded bus service



Package B — Large Washington Tractor Garage + surface parking



Package C — Large Red Apple Garage + surface parking



Package D — Small Red Apple Garage + Washington Tractor surface parking

Package E — Transit Center Garage + surface parking

Package F — Transit Center Garage + Small Washington Tractor Garage